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SUBJ: SADAT'S APRIL 3 SPEECH: INTERNAL ASPECTS

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1. SEVERAL OF THE INTERNAL ASPECTS OF SADAT'S APRIL 3 SPEECH
ALTHOUGH NOT AS IMPORTANT IN CREATING POLICY AS HIS REMARKS
ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION (REFTEL C), ARE OF INTEREST IN THEIR
PORTRAYAL OF WHERE EGYPT STANDS TODAY.

2. STUDENTS: FOR THE PAST SIX WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS OF
RESTLESSNESS AT VARIOUS EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES. GENERALLY THESE HAVE
BEEN CONFINED TO CRITICAL WALL POSTERS DISCUSSING ADVERSELY ON
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INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS ALI AMIN AND, AT TIMES, ON RELIGIOUS

(I.E., CONSERVATIVE ISLAMIC) ISSUES. RECENTLY THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT AT AIN SHAMS TO ORGANIZE A PROTEST AGAINST CERTAIN ASPECTS OF A NEW MORE LIBERAL PERSONAL STATUS LAW WHICH THE GOE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING. THUS FAR, THESE HAVE NOT BEEN MAJOR PROBLEM, BUT THEY ARE OF SUFFICIENT CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT SADAT DECIDED TO DEVOTE MUCH OF HIS SPEECH TO STUDENT MATTERS. THE BASIC POINT HE MADE WAS THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS MEANS BY WHICH STUDENTS CAN HAVE THEIR VIEW REGISTERED WITHIN THE SYSTEM, (I.E., THE STUDENT UNIONS) AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PERMIT CONTINUED EXTRALEGAL ACTIVITY. ON THIS POINT SADAT WAS RELAXED BUT FIRM ACCURATELY REFLECTING, WE BELIEVE, THE GOE'S POSITION.

3. ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SIGNS (REFTEL A) THAT THE END TOWARD ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION IN EGYPT HAS BEGUN TO SLOW SINCE THE FIRST BURST OF ENTHUSIASM WHICH OCCURRED AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR. IN HIS SPEECH, SADAT SAID THAT EGYPT WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE AN ECONOMIC OPEN-DOOR POLICY, BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE SELECTIVELY APPLIED: THE PUBLIC SECTOR, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS. SADAT ADDED

ONE IMPORTANT POINT, THAT BEING THAT EGYPT REGARDED FOREIGN AID AS AN OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TOWARD THE POORER ONES. PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THIS SECTION OF HIS ADDRESS WAS LACK OF SPECIFICS: OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, SADAT HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO GIVE BACKBONE TO HIS REMARKS ABOUT EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC PROGRESS WITH PARTICULAR INSTANCES; THIS TIME THERE ARE FEW, AND SADAT APPEARED TO BE SPEAKING WITHOUT A CONCRETE PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE.

4. NASSER. SADAT'S EXPLICIT STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NO NEW REVOLUTION IN EGYPT, AND THAT NASSER WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN ("CANCELLED"), WAS PERHAPS THE MOST DEFENSIVE PART OF HIS ADDRESS. HE WAS CAREFUL TO TIE EGYPTIAN POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION TO THE JULY 23 REVOLUTION, AND TO THE CONTINUITY OF THE NASSERIST ERA, SUGGESTING THEREBY THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE BY INDIRECTION AND NOT BY CONFRONTATION (REFTEL B).

5. THE SPEECH IMPLIED STRONGLY THAT THE PROCESS OF INTERNAL CHANGE WILL BE SLOW, AND THAT SADAT WILL MOVE CAREFULLY BEFORE INITIATING

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NEW POLICIES OR MEASURES. HE SAID HE WILL CALL SHORTLY A JOINT MEETING OF THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND THE ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A NEW "WORKING PAPER" REDEFINING AND INTERPRETING THE NATIONAL CHARTER, WHICH AFTER THE CONSTITUTION THE CLOSEST THING TO A STATEMENT OF NATIONAL GOALS. IN ITSELF, THIS INDICATED LESS RATHER THAN MORE CHANGE: THE FIRST, AND LAST -TIME SADAT SAID THE CHARTER WOULD BE REINTERPRETED WAS IN A SIMILAR ADDRESS TO THE NATION, DELIVERED

ALMOST NINE MONTHS AGO.

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